

REMARKS

Claims 2, 5, 8-11 are pending. By this Response, claims 5 and 10 have been amended. Claims 5 and 10 have been amended to correct minor grammatical errors in the previous Amendment of December 18, 2007, but do not change the overall scope of the claims; therefore, the claims should still be in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.


In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 referencing docket no. 0033-0999PUS1.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Maki Hatsumi Reg. No. 40,417 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.147; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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